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Minnesota Ag News – Hay Stocks



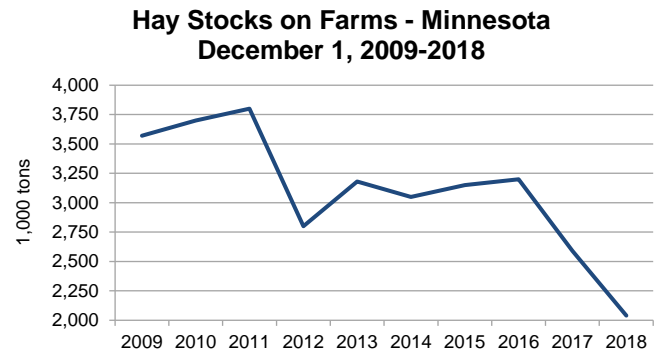
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All hay stored on Minnesota farms as of December 1, 2018, is estimated at 2.04 million tons, a decrease of 21 percent from December 1, 2017, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Crop Production* report. This is a record low amount of hay stored, continuing the recent downward trend. Disappearance from May 1, 2018, through December 1, 2018, totaled 1.60 million tons, compared with 2.07 million tons for the same period in 2017.



Hay Stocks on Farms – Minnesota and United States: May 1 and December 1, 2017-2018

	May 1		December 1	
	2017	2018	2017	2018
	(1,000 tons)	(1,000 tons)	(1,000 tons)	(1,000 tons)
Minnesota	860	560	2,590	2,040
United States	24,400	15,348	84,422	79,055

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

All hay stored on United States farms as of December 1, 2018 totaled 79.1 million tons, down 6 percent from the previous December. Disappearance from May 1, 2018 - December 1, 2018 totaled 59.9 million tons, compared with 68.2 million tons for the same period a year earlier.

This marks the lowest December 1 hay stocks since the drought of 2012 and second lowest since 1977.